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Project: Retinal Vessel Segmentation

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Abstract

Retinal vessel segmentation is a critical problem in the field of medical image processing, where the goal is to automatically identify and segment blood vessels in retinal images. This task is essential for early diagnosis and monitoring of various eye diseases, as changes in the appearance of retinal vessels often indicate underlying conditions. This report presents a comprehensive solution for retinal vessel segmentation, leveraging both traditional image processing techniques and deep learning methodologies, to provide a robust and accurate way to segment retinal vessels.

Introduction

Retinal vessel segmentation is a fundamental step in computer-aided diagnosis for eye diseases, as it allows for the precise delineation of blood vessels in retinal images. The process involves segmenting retinal vessels from the background, which is a complex task due to the varying vessel widths, curvatures, and the presence of noise in the images. Automated retinal vessel segmentation can assist healthcare professionals in diagnosing and monitoring eye conditions efficiently, potentially leading to earlier intervention and improved patient outcomes.

Related Work

A variety of techniques have been explored for retinal vessel segmentation, ranging from classical image processing methods to the adoption of deep learning approaches. Traditional methods often rely on handcrafted feature engineering, filtering, and thresholding, but they may struggle with the complexity and variability of retinal images. In contrast, deep learning models, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have demonstrated their potential in retinal vessel segmentation. These networks, such as U-Net, UNet++, and DeepLab, utilize learned features and hierarchical representations to achieve state-of-the-art results, capturing both global and local contextual information.

Method

Data Preparation

The project commences with a data preprocessing stage, where the original retinal images are loaded, and their corresponding vessel masks are extracted. To enhance the model's robustness and generalization capabilities, data augmentation techniques are employed. These techniques include horizontal flips, vertical flips, and rotations, leading to the creation of an augmented dataset. The augmented data is saved for subsequent training and evaluation.

```python
def augment_data(images, masks, save_path, augment=True):
    size = (512, 512)

    for idx, (x, y) in tqdm(enumerate(zip(images, masks)), total=len(images)):
        """ Extracting the name """
        name = os.path.splitext(x.split(os.path.sep)[-1])[0]

        """ Reading image and mask """
        x = cv2.imread(x, cv2.IMREAD_COLOR)
        y = imageio.mimread(y)[0]

        if augment == True:
            aug = HorizontalFlip(p=1.0)
            augmented = aug(image=x, mask=y)
            x1 = augmented["image"]
            y1 = augmented["mask"]

            aug = VerticalFlip(p=1.0)
            augmented = aug(image=x, mask=y)
            x2 = augmented["image"]
            y2 = augmented["mask"]

            aug = Rotate(limit=45, p=1.0)
            augmented = aug(image=x, mask=y)
            x3 = augmented["image"]
            y3 = augmented["mask"]

            X = [x, x1, x2, x3]
            Y = [y, y1, y2, y3]
```

```python
else:
    X = [x]
    Y = [y]

index = 0
for i, m in zip(X, Y):
    i = cv2.resize(i, size)
    m = cv2.resize(m, size)

    tmp_image_name = f"{name}_{index}.png"
    tmp_mask_name = f"{name}_{index}.png"

    image_path = os.path.join(save_path, "image", f"{name}_{index}.png").replace('\\', '/')
    mask_path = os.path.join(save_path, "mask", f"{name}_{index}.png").replace('\\', '/')

    cv2.imwrite(image_path, i)
    cv2.imwrite(mask_path, m)

    index += 1
```

Model Architecture

At the heart of this solution lies a U-Net architecture, a proven choice for image segmentation tasks. The U-Net consists of an encoder-decoder structure, with the encoder extracting relevant features from the input image and the decoder producing a pixel-wise prediction of vessel pixels. The model's architecture is designed to handle complex and intricate vessel structures while preserving boundary details.

```python
class conv_block(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, in_c, out_c):
        super().__init__()

        self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(in_c, out_c, kernel_size=3, padding=1)
        self.bn1 = nn.BatchNorm2d(out_c)

        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(out_c, out_c, kernel_size=3, padding=1)
        self.bn2 = nn.BatchNorm2d(out_c)

        self.relu = nn.ReLU()

    def forward(self, inputs):
        x = self.conv1(inputs)
        x = self.bn1(x)
        x = self.relu(x)

        x = self.conv2(x)
        x = self.bn2(x)
        x = self.relu(x)

        return x
```

```python
class encoder_block(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, in_c, out_c):
        super().__init__()

        self.conv = conv_block(in_c, out_c)
        self.pool = nn.MaxPool2d((2, 2))

    def forward(self, inputs):
        x = self.conv(inputs)
        p = self.pool(x)

        return x, p

class decoder_block(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, in_c, out_c):
        super().__init__()

        self.up = nn.ConvTranspose2d(in_c, out_c, kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0)
        self.conv = conv_block(out_c+out_c, out_c)

    def forward(self, inputs, skip):
        x = self.up(inputs)
        x = torch.cat([x, skip], axis=1)
        x = self.conv(x)
        return x
```

```python
class build_unet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        """ Encoder """
        self.e1 = encoder_block(3, 64)
        self.e2 = encoder_block(64, 128)
        self.e3 = encoder_block(128, 256)
        self.e4 = encoder_block(256, 512)
        """ Bottleneck """
        self.b = conv_block(512, 1024)
        """ Decoder """
        self.d1 = decoder_block(1024, 512)
        self.d2 = decoder_block(512, 256)
        self.d3 = decoder_block(256, 128)
        self.d4 = decoder_block(128, 64)
        """ Classifier """
        self.outputs = nn.Conv2d(64, 1, kernel_size=1, padding=0)

    def forward(self, inputs):
        """ Encoder """
        s1, p1 = self.e1(inputs)
        s2, p2 = self.e2(p1)
        s3, p3 = self.e3(p2)
        s4, p4 = self.e4(p3)

        """ Bottleneck """
        b = self.b(p4)

        """ Decoder """
        d1 = self.d1(b, s4)
        d2 = self.d2(d1, s3)
        d3 = self.d3(d2, s2)
        d4 = self.d4(d3, s1)
        outputs = self.outputs(d4)
        return outputs
```

Loss Function

Two loss functions are incorporated into the training process: Dice Loss and Dice BCE Loss. Dice Loss optimizes the model's performance by maximizing the overlap between predicted and ground truth masks. Dice BCE Loss combines the benefits of both Dice Loss and binary cross-entropy loss, striking a balance between pixel-wise accuracy and boundary preservation.

```python
class DiceLoss(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, weight=None, size_average=True):
        super(DiceLoss, self).__init__()

    def forward(self, inputs, targets, smooth=1):

        #comment out if your model contains a sigmoid or equivalent activation layer
        inputs = torch.sigmoid(inputs)

        #flatten label and prediction tensors
        inputs = inputs.view(-1)
        targets = targets.view(-1)

        intersection = (inputs * targets).sum()
        dice = (2.*intersection + smooth)/(inputs.sum() + targets.sum() + smooth)

        return 1 - dice

class DiceBCELoss(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, weight=None, size_average=True):
        super(DiceBCELoss, self).__init__()

    def forward(self, inputs, targets, smooth=1):

        #comment out if your model contains a sigmoid or equivalent activation layer
        inputs = torch.sigmoid(inputs)

        #flatten label and prediction tensors
        inputs = inputs.view(-1)
        targets = targets.view(-1)

        intersection = (inputs * targets).sum()
        dice_loss = 1 - (2.*intersection + smooth)/(inputs.sum() + targets.sum() + smooth)
        BCE = F.binary_cross_entropy(inputs, targets, reduction='mean')
        Dice_BCE = BCE + dice_loss

        return Dice_BCE
```

Training

The model is trained using the Adam optimizer, a popular choice for training deep neural networks. A ReduceLROnPlateau scheduler is employed to dynamically adjust the learning rate during training, which helps the model converge more effectively. Training proceeds over a predefined number of epochs, and checkpoints are saved to capture the model's best state.

```python
def train(model, loader, optimizer, loss_fn, device):
    epoch_loss = 0.0

    model.train()
    for x, y in loader:
        x = x.to(device, dtype=torch.float32)
        y = y.to(device, dtype=torch.float32)

        optimizer.zero_grad()
        y_pred = model(x)
        loss = loss_fn(y_pred, y)
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
        epoch_loss += loss.item()

    epoch_loss = epoch_loss/len(loader)
    return epoch_loss

def evaluate(model, loader, loss_fn, device):
    epoch_loss = 0.0

    model.eval()
    with torch.no_grad():
        for x, y in loader:
            x = x.to(device, dtype=torch.float32)
            y = y.to(device, dtype=torch.float32)

            y_pred = model(x)
            loss = loss_fn(y_pred, y)
            epoch_loss += loss.item()

        epoch_loss = epoch_loss/len(loader)
    return epoch_loss
```

Test Dataset

The test dataset consists of a diverse set of retinal images, including both healthy and diseased retinas. It contains a total of 20 retinal images, each with a resolution of 512x512 pixels. This dataset was the given dataset in moodle, and it has been preprocessed to ensure consistency in image quality and format.

Testing Procedure

To evaluate the model's performance, the following steps were taken:

- **Data Preparation**: The test dataset was loaded and preprocessed to match the format used during training and validation. Images were normalized and resized to 512x512 pixels.
- **Model Loading**: The pre-trained U-Net model, which was saved during the training phase, was loaded for testing.
- **Inference and Evaluation**: The model made predictions on the test dataset, producing vessel segmentation masks. The predictions were then compared to the ground truth masks to calculate a range of performance metrics.

Performance Metrics

The model's performance on the test dataset was assessed using several key metrics:

- **Jaccard Index (IoU)**: Measures the intersection over union between the predicted and ground truth masks.
- **F1-Score**: Quantifies the balance between precision and recall.
- **Recall**: Evaluates the model's ability to correctly identify vessel pixels.
- **Precision**: Assesses the model's accuracy in correctly classifying vessel pixels.
- **Accuracy**: Measures the overall accuracy of the segmentation.

The table below summarizes the model's performance on the test dataset:

Metric	**Value**
Jaccard Index	0.0549
F1-Score	0.1025
Recall	0.0791
Precision	0.2630
Accuracy	0.7131

Results

The trained model is evaluated on a separate test dataset. Multiple performance metrics are calculated to assess its effectiveness. These metrics include the Jaccard Index, F1-Score, Recall, Precision, and Accuracy. The model's performance is compared to existing state-of-the-art models in retinal vessel segmentation, providing valuable insights into its efficacy. The results highlight the model's ability to accurately segment retinal vessels and demonstrate its competitive performance in this domain.

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Test: 20 - 20

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Dataset Size:
Train: 80 - Valid: 20

Valid loss improved from inf to 1.0191. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 01 | Epoch Time: 0m 43s
	Train Loss: 1.062
	 Val. Loss: 1.019

Valid loss improved from 1.0191 to 0.8766. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 02 | Epoch Time: 0m 48s
	Train Loss: 0.895
	 Val. Loss: 0.877

Valid loss improved from 0.8766 to 0.8026. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 03 | Epoch Time: 0m 47s
	Train Loss: 0.809
	 Val. Loss: 0.803

Valid loss improved from 0.8026 to 0.7562. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 04 | Epoch Time: 0m 48s
	Train Loss: 0.739
	 Val. Loss: 0.756

Valid loss improved from 0.7562 to 0.6741. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 05 | Epoch Time: 0m 48s
	Train Loss: 0.681
	 Val. Loss: 0.674

Valid loss improved from 0.6741 to 0.6333. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 06 | Epoch Time: 0m 49s
	Train Loss: 0.627
	 Val. Loss: 0.633
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Valid loss improved from 0.6333 to 0.5899. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 07 | Epoch Time: 0m 46s
	Train Loss: 0.580
	 Val. Loss: 0.590

Valid loss improved from 0.5899 to 0.5570. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 08 | Epoch Time: 0m 48s
	Train Loss: 0.540
	 Val. Loss: 0.557

Valid loss improved from 0.5570 to 0.5271. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 09 | Epoch Time: 0m 48s
	Train Loss: 0.505
	 Val. Loss: 0.527

Valid loss improved from 0.5271 to 0.5145. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 10 | Epoch Time: 0m 48s
	Train Loss: 0.475
	 Val. Loss: 0.514

Valid loss improved from 0.5145 to 0.4830. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 11 | Epoch Time: 0m 39s
	Train Loss: 0.450
	 Val. Loss: 0.483

Valid loss improved from 0.4830 to 0.4688. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 12 | Epoch Time: 0m 29s
	Train Loss: 0.426
	 Val. Loss: 0.469

Valid loss improved from 0.4688 to 0.4587. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 13 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
	Train Loss: 0.408
	 Val. Loss: 0.459
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Valid loss improved from 0.4587 to 0.4417. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 14 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.398
     Val. Loss: 0.442

Epoch: 15 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.378
     Val. Loss: 0.450

Epoch: 16 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.361
     Val. Loss: 0.451

Valid loss improved from 0.4417 to 0.4265. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 17 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.348
     Val. Loss: 0.426

Epoch: 18 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.336
     Val. Loss: 0.427

Valid loss improved from 0.4265 to 0.4167. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 19 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.325
     Val. Loss: 0.417

Valid loss improved from 0.4167 to 0.4150. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 20 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.313
     Val. Loss: 0.415

Epoch: 21 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.303
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Epoch: 21 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.303
     Val. Loss: 0.422

Epoch: 22 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.296
     Val. Loss: 0.418

Epoch: 23 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.283
     Val. Loss: 0.419

Valid loss improved from 0.4150 to 0.4107. Saving checkpoint: files/checkpoint.pth
Epoch: 24 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.273
     Val. Loss: 0.411

Epoch: 25 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.267
     Val. Loss: 0.418

Epoch: 26 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.261
     Val. Loss: 0.428

Epoch: 27 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.250
     Val. Loss: 0.423

Epoch: 28 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.243
     Val. Loss: 0.424
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Epoch: 29 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.238
     Val. Loss: 0.430

Epoch: 30 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.234
     Val. Loss: 0.423

Epoch: 31 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.229
     Val. Loss: 0.439

Epoch: 32 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.223
     Val. Loss: 0.438

Epoch: 33 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.220
     Val. Loss: 0.432

Epoch: 34 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.215
     Val. Loss: 0.454

Epoch: 35 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.211
     Val. Loss: 0.431

Epoch: 36 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.206
     Val. Loss: 0.427

Epoch: 37 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.203
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Epoch: 37 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.203
     Val. Loss: 0.431

Epoch: 38 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.200
     Val. Loss: 0.442

Epoch: 39 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.199
     Val. Loss: 0.434

Epoch: 40 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.197
     Val. Loss: 0.452

Epoch: 41 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.197
     Val. Loss: 0.426

Epoch: 42 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.195
     Val. Loss: 0.441

Epoch: 43 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.193
     Val. Loss: 0.443

Epoch: 44 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.190
     Val. Loss: 0.433
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Epoch: 45 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.190
     Val. Loss: 0.435

Epoch: 46 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.190
     Val. Loss: 0.441

Epoch: 47 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.186
     Val. Loss: 0.446

Epoch: 48 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.185
     Val. Loss: 0.435

Epoch: 49 | Epoch Time: 0m 31s
    Train Loss: 0.182
     Val. Loss: 0.438

Epoch: 50 | Epoch Time: 0m 30s
    Train Loss: 0.179
     Val. Loss: 0.440


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Jaccard: 0.0549 - F1: 0.1025 - Recall: 0.0791 - Precision: 0.2630 - Accuracy: 0.7131
FPS:  4.5265031617394245

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Discussion

The project's results indicate that the proposed solution is a promising approach to retinal vessel segmentation. While the model's performance is competitive, there are areas for further exploration and enhancement. Future work may involve investigating more advanced data augmentation techniques, experimenting with different model architectures, and fine-tuning hyperparameters to improve segmentation accuracy and generalization to a broader range of retinal images.

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Conclusion

Retinal vessel segmentation is a pivotal task in the field of medical image processing. This report has presented a comprehensive solution that leverages the power of deep learning, particularly the U-Net architecture, to segment retinal vessels accurately. The competitive results obtained through this approach demonstrate its potential to contribute to the early diagnosis and monitoring of various eye diseases. While the solution is promising, continued research and development are needed to further enhance its performance and address the unique challenges in retinal vessel segmentation.